

"everyone is our dear neighbor." While Cal Poly's Newman Catholic Center brought the gifted educator to the Central Coast, it is through her social and restorative justice work that she has truly made her mark.

On the heels of her energetic work with students and community parishes, and following medical leave for serious illness, she brought the "Get on the Bus" program to California Men's Colony in San Luis Obispo County. A bus filled with the children and spouses of prisoners travels to the prison for a reunion party that offers hope for the families.

Sister Theresa has worked with the SLO County Sheriff, the California Department of Corrections, Parole and the Courts to make restorative justice a reality in San Luis Obispo County. This tireless, well respected community leader believes offenders were once victims whose own traumas were never addressed. She is devoted to healing those injuries so that once released, prisoners can move forward to productive lives.

Her fervent dedication to helping the incarcerated led to founding Restorative Partners, a program providing re-entry services to the incarcerated. Sister Theresa is a certified facilitator for the Alternatives to Violence Project, the Aggression Replacement Training and the Thinking for A Change Program. She has implemented and taught non-judgmental techniques and most importantly, restorative justice, which provides healing for all parties, both victim and offender.

Restorative Partners, founded over an In N Out Burger conversation with Sheriff Ian Parkinson, celebrates its tenth anniversary this year. The successful program has brought together law enforcement, private business and faith-based organizations, under the shared mission to "get to the source" of individual's issues and move forward.

In just ten years, Restorative Partners has expanded mentorship to help returning citizens navigate reentry. With an eye on the high cost of living on the Central Coast, RP now provides re-entry homes for men and women, including Anna's Home for Women and Children, which reunites formerly incarcerated mothers with their children while offering a drug treatment program. The challenges of COVID created an entirely new set of needs, chief among them domestic violence treatment and expanded drug and alcohol treatment. With Sister Theresa's leadership, Restorative Partners continues to evolve and offer life-changing support. What began started as an in-custody service, the non-profit organization has grown to meet any need of families affected by incarceration and the challenges of re-entry. And it is working: the recidivism rate for those Sister Theresa works with is only 10 percent.

Sister Theresa is an incredible presence in our community. I am honored to recognize Sister Theresa for her continued commitment to residents of San Luis Obispo County. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Sister Theresa Harpin, for her incredible service to her community.

ELLYSIA VEGA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Ellysia Vega for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Ellysia Vega is a student at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Ellysia Vega is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Ellysia Vega for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

TROY WADE EULOGY

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments and celebrate the life of Troy E. Wade.

Robert Oppenheimer once said of the great physicist Niels Bohr about his contribution to the development of the atomic bomb: "It was a heroic time. It was not the doing of any one man; it involved the collaboration of scores of scientists from many different lands. But from first to last, the deeply creative, subtle and critical spirit of Niels Bohr guided, restrained, deepened, and finally transmuted the enterprise."

I believe the same thing could be said of Troy Wade and the nuclear weapons testing program. He guided, restrained, deepened, and transmuted the enterprise for policy makers, posterity, and for me personally.

Troy certainly guided and transmuted the testing program for policy makers in his many positions in state and federal government, including as President Reagan's Assistant Secretary of Energy for Defense Programs. As NTS historian Darwin Morgan said, "He was not a Washington stuffed shirt." Instead, he was known to be a listener and used tact and tolerance to move his agenda which was always to protect this country and help promote peace.

This was confirmed when I had a political event at Desert Research Institute during my first campaign for Congress. Troy was there to keep an eye on things and reassure the sweet little lady docents that the secret service dogs were not going to run off with the prehistoric bones in the museum. When Vice President Biden arrived, before I could introduce them, he said, "Oh, I know Troy Wade. I sat across the table from him many times in the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee. He was a tough but fair negotiator. A straight shooter, some-

one you could trust." Obviously, no introduction was necessary.

Troy also translated the testing program for posterity. He wanted people to know the story, the whole story, of the test site and the men and women on the front lines who helped us win the Cold War. To this end, Troy leaned on Nick and Chuck and Bruce and Linda who refinanced their houses (without telling their spouses, although I bet Mary knew) to fund an atomic testing museum. The museum, thankfully, was a success. It is Smithsonian-sanctioned and draws thousands of visitors annually, from local school children to foreign dignitaries alike. And it indeed tells the whole story. In addition to bomb replicas, it relates the plight of the downwinders and offers a wonderful exhibit on the impact of the bomb on U.S. popular culture.

Troy and I got in a bit of trouble, however, when I introduced a bill in the state legislature to create a special license plate to raise money for the museum. We wanted to put a mushroom cloud on it. As George Knapp quipped on Channel 8 News, it "would kick sand in the face of any other plate on the road." Governor Guinn, unfortunately, vetoed our choice and we settled for the stylized atom design offered today.

Finally, Troy transmuted the enterprise for me personally. He patiently answered questions as I did research for my book and often steered me in the right direction. He helped me secure AEC documents and records for the public reading room of the museum and he spoke to my classes. Most importantly, he became my friend. I often referred to Troy as the "ultimate cold warrior". I hope he took it as a compliment, because that's certainly how I meant it. Like so many of his family, friends, and coworkers, I will miss him very much. As will a grateful Nation.

CONGRATULATING WILLIAM C. BAKER ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House to join me in recognizing William C. Baker for his thirty-nine years of environmental advocacy as President of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF). Will has demonstrated a sincere passion for improving the health of the Bay and ensuring that its environmental resources are preserved for future generations. Will has been a good friend, and I've been proud to work closely with him throughout the years to fight for a cleaner and healthier Chesapeake Bay.

Since he first began his distinguished career with the CBF as an intern in 1976, Will worked relentlessly to protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay. Will became president in 1982, inheriting an immediate crisis: the 1982 Chesapeake Bay Study had just concluded that the Bay was dying. He spoke to the United States Senate, urging senators not only to maintain the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) presence on the Bay but to establish an office to coordinate and monitor restoration efforts among the states in its watershed. Thanks to